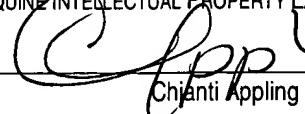


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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the communication mailed on September 27, 2004 in which the Examiner indicated that claims 13-14, 40, and 44 are not the original claim text as noted in the amendment filed on July 3, 2003.

In accordance with the instructions presented in the Communication, only the corrected section of the allegedly non-compliant amendment document is herewith resubmitted. In the case, the entire "Amendments of the Claims" section of Applicants' amendment document is resubmitted.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for one month.